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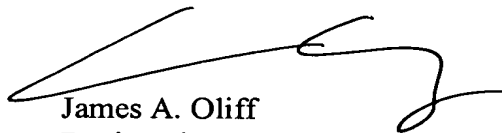
Claims 1-20 and 22-27 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 1-17 and 22-27 are allowed, and claim 21 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 18 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 21. Claim 21 is canceled. Thus, the only rejected claims, claims 18-20, are placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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